

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article comprising at least fibres and/or fibrils, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fibres and fibrils are formed from a polymer blend comprising at least:

- a thermally stable polymer; and
- a thermoplastic polymer chosen from the group of polysulphides and polysulphones.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thermally stable polymer is chosen from aromatic polyamides, aromatic polyamideimides, or polyimides.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thermoplastic polymer is chosen from polyether sulphone or polyphenylene sulphone.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thermoplastic polymer and the thermally stable polymer are soluble in the same solvent.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polymer blend comprises at least 10% by weight of said thermoplastic polymer.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the article comprises fibres and the fibres are obtained by blending the thermally stable

polymer with the thermoplastic polymer, and then spinning the blend.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the blend is produced by dissolving the polymers in a solvent.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the solvent is an aprotic polar solvent.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to Claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the solvent is chosen from DMEU, DMAC, NMP and DMF.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spinning is wet spinning.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spinning is dry spinning.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the article comprises fibrids and the fibrids are obtained by blending the thermally stable polymer with the thermoplastic polymer, and then precipitating the blend under a shear stress.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ it is being a non-woven article.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ it is obtained by "web-forming" at least the fibres and/or fibrids by a "drylaid" process and "consolidation" of the structure obtained.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ it is obtained by "webforming" at least the fibres and/or fibrids by a "wetlaid" process and "consolidation" of the structure obtained.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Article~~ An article according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 14, characterized ~~in that wherein~~ the "consolidation" is carried out by thermal pressing at a temperature greater than the glass transition temperature of the thermoplastic polymer of the fibres and/or fibrids of the invention contained in the article.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Fibre, characterized in that it is~~ A fibre formed from a polymer blend comprising at least:

- a thermally stable polymer; and
- a thermoplastic polymer chosen from the group of polysulphides and polysulphones;

and in that it has a linear density of less than or equal to 13.2 dtex.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Fibril, characterized in that it is~~ A fibril formed from a polymer blend comprising at least:

- a thermally stable polymer; and
- a thermoplastic polymer chosen from the group of polysulphides and polysulphones.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) Electrical insulation comprising an article according to claim 1.

21. (New) An article according to claim 1, comprising fibres formed from a polymer blend comprising an aromatic polyamide-imide and a polyethersulfone.